

brown. Wings hyaline, with red-brown stigma. In general similar to *M. imbecilla*, but much smaller, only 7 to 9 millimeters to tip of wings, and the stigma of wings is still shorter than in that species, and more swollen on the costal side.

From Port Darwin, 10 Sept. (Dodd), apparently common.

WET WEATHER COLLECTING.

Until June 23, 1906, collecting lepidoptera had been associated in my mind with fairly pleasant days or nights, but on that date I started out on a misty forenoon with a beating net intending to look only for coleoptera. Promising logs and fungi led me into a thick growth of large hemlocks, pines, and firs, with scattered hard woods of several species, where several moths brought to mind the request of a friend for Geometridæ. After four hours work, the last of which was in a pouring rain, I retreated with eighty-five specimens representing the genera *Heterophleps*, *Tephroclystis* (*Eupithecia*), *Mesoleuca*, *Hydriomena*, *Euchæca*, *Sciagraphia*, *Maccaria*, *Homochlodes*, *Melanolopia*, *Æthaloptera*, *Anagoga*, *Gonodontis*, *Caberodes*, *Sabulodes*, and *Xanthotype* of the Geometridæ; *Pyrophila*, *Homoptera*, and some of the so-called Deltoids, besides some genera of the families of the Platypterygidæ, Pyralididæ, Tortricidæ, and Cæcophoridæ.

Many of the specimens were taken on the sheltered side of the tree trunks, on the under side of lodged dead ones, and on the sides of old logs. They were flushed from the tops of live evergreens, from thickets of dead tops and brush, by throwing clubs and stones into them, from whence they would flutter away to the ground or to some nearby tree, where they were sometimes easily bottled. Again, some exciting net and foot work would be necessary, and I found that a heavy beating net — soaking wet, too, — is not the best thing for flying moths. I also discovered that thumps and kicks against the smaller trees would often bring down, besides the water, a number of species not otherwise seen. About 2.30 p. m., my clothing became so thoroughly soaked and the net had to be wrung out so often that it became too disagreeable even for an entomologist. I have never seen the Geometridæ so plentiful as they were during that season at Monmouth, and Wales, Maine, which may, in a measure, account for my success on such a day.

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